

PALMER RULING TO BE TAKEN UP

Employees Meet Tonight to 'Talk Over' Recent Action on Retirement.

BURLESON MAY RELENT

Believe President in Favor of Retaining Capable Workers.

Civil service workers of retirement age who have served less than fifteen years will meet tonight at 8 o'clock on the steps of the Public Library at Ninth street and New York avenue northwest, for the purpose of discussing the ruling of the Attorney General barring such persons from the benefits of retirement annuity.

Those eligible for retirement, but seeking to retain their positions are encouraged by the information that President Wilson is in favor of the ruling that workers should be retained or retired according to the circumstances of individual cases, and not necessarily in strict accordance with the letter of the retirement law.

Numerous reasons for the retention of those eligible for retirement, but still capable to continue in the government employ have been advanced, and it is believed that these will be given due consideration when the Cabinet meets tomorrow to discuss retirement.

Postoffice employees especially have received encouragement from the announced request of Postmaster General Burleson which asks for a review of all cases in which a retirement eligible seeks continued employment. They believe that this may be an indication that the Postmaster General is considering a softening of his original order that all of those eligible will be retired, regardless of whether they may still be capable to perform the duties. In some cases economy would be thrown to the winds, should new, inexperienced employees be enlisted and paid the same salary as those who would be retired, despite their accumulated knowledge gained from long and faithful service.

TYPO UNION HEARS CONVENTION PLANS

J. W. Hays, of Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union, addressed Columbia Union No. 101 at the monthly meeting yesterday.

He gave a brief outline of business to come before the convention at Albany, N. Y., August 3.

W. E. Keeler, president of the Central Labor Union, also spoke.

The Weather

Forecasts for Today and Tomorrow.
District of Columbia and Maryland: Showers today; tomorrow fair; gentle to moderate southwest to northwest winds.
Virginia: Showers today; tomorrow fair; moderate southwest to west winds.

Local Temperatures.
Midnight..... 70 12 noon..... 80
2 a. m..... 68 2 p. m..... 81
4 a. m..... 67 4 p. m..... 82
6 a. m..... 64 6 p. m..... 82
8 a. m..... 68 8 p. m..... 77
10 a. m..... 72 10 p. m..... 76
Highest, 83; lowest, 65.
Relative humidity—8 a. m., 90; 2 p. m., 78.
Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.18.
Hours of sunshine, 3.2.
Per cent of possible sunshine, 21.

Departures from Normal.
Accumulated deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1920, 270.
Excess of temperature since July 1, 1920, 13.
Accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1920, 0.81.
Excess of precipitation since July 1, 1920, 1.49.
Temperature same date last year—Highest, 77; lowest, 71.

Other Temperatures.	Highest today.	Lowest today.	Normal.
Asheville, N. C.	72	66	68
Atlanta, Ga.	72	66	74
Atlantic City, N. J.	74	64	70
Baltimore, Md.	80	66	74
Bismarck, N. D.	80	66	74
Boston, Mass.	78	66	69
Buffalo, N. Y.	70	62	66
Chicago, Ill.	78	70	74
Cincinnati, Ohio.	88	68	82
Cheyenne, Wyo.	76	52	72
Cleveland, Ohio.	82	68	82
Davenport, Iowa.	80	72	74
Denver, Colo.	78	60	72
Des Moines, Iowa.	80	68	76
Detroit, Mich.	78	66	72
Duluth, Minn.	82	68	72
El Paso, Tex.	88	72	82
Galveston, Tex.	80	78	82
Helena, Mont.	80	56	78
Indianapolis, Ind.	84	68	70
Jacksonville, Fla.	78	74	78
Kansas City, Mo.	84	74	82
Little Rock, Ark.	84	74	82
Los Angeles, Cal.	88	68	84
Louisville, Ky.	88	68	84
Marquette, Mich.	80	66	78
Memphis, Tenn.	86	74	82
Miami, Fla.	84	74	82
Mobile, Ala.	88	78	86
New Orleans, La.	84	78	82
New York, N. Y.	80	68	74
North Platte, Neb.	80	60	84
Omaha, Neb.	86	74	84
Philadelphia, Pa.	88	78	82
Phoenix, Ariz.	112	78	110
Pittsburg, Pa.	84	64	78
Portland, Me.	84	74	82
Portland, Ore.	80	60	80
Salt Lake, Utah.	82	68	80
St. Louis, Mo.	82	70	80
St. Paul, Minn.	72	58	70
San Antonio, Tex.	84	74	82
San Francisco, Cal.	82	54	82
Springfield, Ill.	72	64	72
Tampa, Fla.	80	72	80
Toledo, Ohio.	78	66	78
Vicksburg, Miss.	88	74	86

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HERE IS LINCOLN'S "SPIRIT PICTURE" AND INTERPRETER



Shades of Abraham Lincoln, come to earth in the form of a spirit picture! William A. Roberts, government printer of Langdon, who posed before the "spirit camera" of W. M. Keeler, 1456 Park road, and, after addressing a political question to Lincoln, received this result. On a separate plate he received Lincoln's opinion that a Democrat would be victorious in November. Though Lincoln undoubtedly enjoys life in the higher sphere, his messages indicate that slips in grammar occur even in spirit messages.

SPIRIT FORECASTS BEING RECEIVED THROUGH CAMERA

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believe to be the clatter of typewriter keys within the camera. Messages Typewritten.
But he does not get his pictures or messages until a week later. Keeler explains that this is necessary because of the rush of work, and that development of the plates really consumes only the usual period necessary for ordinary "earth pictures." It is understood Keeler has between six and twelve others who receive messages and pictures more or less regularly.

The fact that messages come to Roberts in typewriting, white lettering on a solid black background, does not seem strange, for, according to him, that is the method by which the messages are "dematerialized" from spirit thoughts to such form as those "in the form," or still on earth, may understand.

When messages come from the other sphere, Roberts poses in the customary manner of studio procedure, but instead of receiving a week later a picture of himself with or without a spirit figure, he receives numerous photographic prints of clear-cut typewriting. The spirit pictures are hazy, but the white typewriting is clearly cut in the black background.

Roberts says that as far as he has knowledge, he is the only one to receive typewritten messages and that others who pose and later receive finished work find that the messages are in handwriting, appearing rather irregular and only partly legible, as though the hand from which the writing came wrote at a speed unknown to mortals or was careless in the extreme.

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WILSON TO GET STRIKE REPORT

Hoped Executive Intervention Will Prevent City Employees' Walkout.

President Wilson will this morning receive a report on the threatened strike of 2,400 per diem municipal employees, final action upon which has been temporarily postponed until President Joseph A. Hurley, of the City Employees' Association, makes public the result of the White House conference.

Employees will meet again Saturday night, unless developments call for a special, earlier meeting, and it is believed the White House decision on the case will be received the latter part of the week. The intervention of President Wilson in the controversy between the employees and the District Commissioners has been accepted by the men as an indication that the situation will be cleared without the delay of calling upon a Department of Labor mediator. The President's intervention has also caused the belief upon the part of the employees that the controversy will be settled in their favor.

Unless agreement is reached as a result of the President's action, it is not unlikely that a vote to strike will be taken, for negotiations between the employees and the Commissioners are at a deadlock.

At this morning's conference the details of the whole wage controversy will be laid before Secretary Tumulty, Secretary Foster and Assistant Secretary Kerwin, of the Department of Labor, to be later referred to the President.

Alexandria.

THE HERALD BUREAU, A. & Douglas, 127 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., July 18.—The fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus was conferred in this city by Dr. E. A. Gorman, master for this jurisdiction.

A class of about sixty received the degree. Following the degree the candidates were tendered a banquet at the Lyceum Hall, which was served by a committee of women of St. Mary's Church.

The visiting knights tomorrow will make a trip to Mount Vernon and other points of interest and at night there will be a ball in the auditorium of the Elks' Home.

The funeral of Rev. William F. Watson, for many years pastor of the First Baptist Church, took place this afternoon from the First Church and was attended by a large gathering of friends, relatives and members of the various fraternal organizations of which he was a member. Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the local church, presided and made a short address. Prayer was offered by Rev. Hugh Stevenson, of Washington, and benediction given by Rev. Willis Wyatts of the Del Ray Baptist Church. Attending the funeral were delegations of Odd Fellows, Masons and Order of Fraternal Americans. The body was shipped tonight to Gastonia, N. C., for burial.

Mrs. Jane McBurney Acton died this morning shortly after 11 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Gregg, 219 South Alfred street, following a long illness. Mrs. Acton was one of Alexandria's oldest residents.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. John Hammond Griffith, Baltimore, N. C.; Mrs. Isaac Gregg, Alexandria; Bernard E. Acton, Courtney Acton and G. Raymond Acton. Her funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning from St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Services will be conducted by the Rev. P. P. Phillips, and burial will be in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Left Fortune, She Will Sew No More



MRS. ELLA WILSON.
Canton, Ohio, July 18.—Mrs. Ella Wilson will never sew again as long as she lives, she says. For twenty-five years Mrs. Wilson was a leading dressmaker here. Now she has been willowed \$10,000 cash and the income on \$100,000 as long as she lives, by her uncle, Augustus D. Julliard, who died in New York, leaving a huge estate.

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PARIS BITTER AT SPA RESULT

Sole Outcome Seen Only as Victory for British Trade.

By C. F. BERTELLI.

(Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

Paris, July 18.—A diplomatic victory for British trade is the sole material result of the Spa conference as seen by the French press, whose tone is one of bitter disappointment when discussing the "settlement" just reached at the Belgian rendezvous between allies and Germans.

It seems apparent to all observers that the reparations question, for which the Spa conference was primarily called, is by no means settled.

Britain Sells Out.

Political commentators, in summing up the results of the Spa deliberations, are unanimous in arriving at the conclusion that Britain dearly sold her approval of a possible invasion of the Ruhr district six months hence, since she has gained a most extraordinary list of concessions. These include:

1. Britain obtains possession of the entire German merchant marine, Germany being forbidden to sell her vessels to any country except England. This, it should be noted, destroys with one stroke the negotiations for the purchase of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company by American financiers.

2. While Germany is forced to sell her coal at the price obtaining in Germany—6 to 8 marks in gold per ton—such coal as is to be delivered to France in English bottoms will be charged for by England at the current international rate, which is immeasurably higher than the German price.

War Still Hovers.

3. England becomes the sole owner of the entire mass of German naval material, which, under the Versailles treaty, should have been distributed among the allies. This material is not to be deducted from England's share in the German reparations.

Meanwhile the partition of the reparations money is still as undecided as ever; a lively interallied squabble over it continues. It is to be "finally settled" at the conference in Geneva in August; yet, for the present, the shadow of a call to arms within six months hovers ominously over the allied nations.

WOULD UNITE DEAD WHO FELL IN FRANCE

New York, July 17.—Three cemeteries near the battle fields of France where the bodies of the dead of the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth Divisions will be brought together is the suggestion which comes from Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commanding the New York division. He now is overseas, where for two months he has been obtaining historical data on the engagements of the Twenty-seventh in the war.

Gen. O'Ryan has also been instructed to investigate the condition of cemeteries in which the dead of the division are buried. He proposes that the three cemeteries be located at Remy near Poperinghe; at Bony on the Somme, in the vicinity of the famous Hindenburg line, and third at St. Souplet on the Leselle river.

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Government Acts To Lower Living Costs

The Secretary of War orders immediate release and sale to the American public of all meats Kaiser declared surplus at extremely low prices.

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These commodities were packed by the leading packing houses of North and South America, are in air-tight tins, and will keep for years. The meats were selected by experts, representing both the United States Government and the packing houses, and only the choicest selections were used. They were prepared and packed under this same supervision. Six million men and women in the service of their country, at home and abroad, thrived upon them almost exclusively. And an army of 2,000,000, the principal meat diet of which consisted of Corned Beef—Corned Beef Hash—Roast Beef—Bacon, returned from overseas the healthiest, browniest army the world has known.

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The Government guarantees to deliver these meats in perfect condition. The most rigid inspection was made of these products as they were packed and every single can carries with it the guarantee of the Government to stand back of it, both as to quality and condition.

The Corned Beef, Corned Beef Hash, and Roast Beef are packed mainly in one and two-pound cans—some in six-pound cans. The bacon is packed in 12-pound cans.

Distribution--Nationwide

Every available outlet will be used in distributing these meats. Every retailer, from the smallest to the largest, whether he carries groceries or not, will perform a duty he rightfully owes to every citizen in his community by acting as a medium

through which these meats will be distributed at the very low prices at which they can be sold.

Every wholesaler, caterer, hotel, restaurant, state institution, municipality, and industrial organization maintaining co-operative purchasing bureaus, as well as every housewife, can and should share in and extend in every possible manner the common benefits of this event.

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These goods are not being offered for export. This decision of the Secretary of War to distribute them through every possible channel is made in order that the American people, as a whole, may benefit directly by the extremely low prices at which these meats will be sold.

Because of the wide publicity to be given to the prices at which the Government will sell these meats, the American people will at once recognize and appreciate the spirit of co-operation to lower the living costs rendered by every retailer who participates in the distribution of these commodities. The immense benefits which will accrue to him cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

Particulars of Campaign

The prices at which the Government will sell these meats, terms of payment, units of purchase, and where stored, as well as how the Government is prepared to help the retailers distribute them, will be announced in the course of a few days.

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